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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 40669

1. MIN EXTAFF MOGWE BEING AT OAU CONFERENCE, I CONVEYED GIST OF REFTEL TO SEC EXTAFF MPOTOKWANE AT NOON, FEBRUARY 24. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE, AND PROMISED TO PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO PRESIDENT KHAMA.

2.MPOTOKWANE HAD TWO QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT HAD BOTH REPLIED TO ANGLO/USG REJECTION OF SMITH'S INTERNAL OPTION?

B. MIGHT GOB EXPECT MORE MEETINGS ON RHODESIA TO ARISE OUT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS?

OF COURSE I COULD NOT ANSWER THIS FIRST QUESTION. AS FOR THE SECOND, I EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION THAT I DID BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE FURTHER CONSULTATIONS OR OTHER TYPES OF MEETINGS, SINCE THE EXPRESSED PURPOSE
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OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS AIMED AT GIVING NEW MOMENTUM TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON RHODESIA.

3. FYI: AFTER CONSULTING THE EMBASSY, THE UK HIGH COMMISSION TODAY ALSO INFORMED THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT THAT YOU AND SIR ANTHONY DUFF HAD MET FEBRUARY 23

WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR, "TO LEARN FROM HIM
THE SOUTH AFRICAN IMPRESSIONS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION
IN RHODESIA".

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